

Welcome to Jasper County Highlights 2005 Edition

This publication is provided annually for each of Indiana's 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each publication includes a variety of demographic information: population, labor force estimates, industry employment, industry annual average wages, and firms and employment by size.

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Region 1: Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, and Pulaski counties. Region 2: St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Fulton, and Kosciusko counties.

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SUMMARY OF JASPER COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Jasper County's population estimate for 2004 was 31,624 up 5.3 percent from the 2000 Census total of 30,043. The estimated population made up 0.5 percent of Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569.

As of the 2000 Census 15,588 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 83.1 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population 2,437 or 13.0 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 330 persons graduating high school 243 or 73.6 percent intended to go on to higher education.

The county "labor force" represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. In 2003 persons living in but commuting to work out of the county was 5,942 or 29.2 percent of the labor force. The outside area where the largest number of Jasper County residents went to work was Lake County. The county "work force" represents all workers employed in the county no matter where they reside. In 2003 persons commuting to work into the county from outside areas was 2,687 or 15.7 percent of the work force. The area sending the most number of persons into the county to work was Newton County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 5.7 percent, above Indiana's average 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 14,840. Of that labor force 14,000 were employed and 840 were unemployed.

For year 2004 there were 11,629 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was Government having 16.4 percent of the total industry employment with Retail Trade second at 12.3 percent. The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was Professional and Technical Services increasing by 244 workers or 41.1 percent above the 594 of 2001. Of employers in the county 15.2 percent employed 20 or more workers and they represented 72.8 percent of all in-county employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$29,017 per year versus Indiana's \$34,629. The county average industry wage rose by 5.5 percent from 2001 to 2004. Two of Jasper County's 20 industry sectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's Professional and Technical Services industry had the highest average earnings at \$39,991 per year, with Manufacturing second at \$38,989 while the industry with the lowest annual earnings was Accomodation & Food Services at \$8,839. The same industries statewide paid an average \$45,323, \$47,638, and \$11,572 per year, respectively.

JASPER COUNTY POPULATION

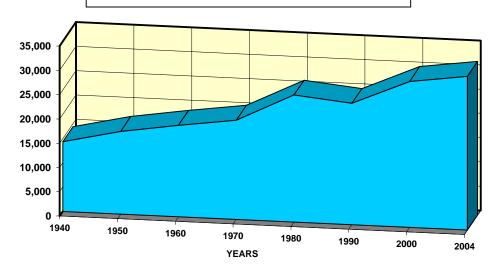
COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

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COUNTY AND				1990 To	2000	2000 T	O 2004
CITIES / TOWNS	1990	2000	2004	#	%	#	%
JASPER CO	24,960	30,043	31,624	5,083	20.4%	1,581	5.3%
Rensselaer	5,045	5,294	6,209	249	4.9%	915	17.3%
De Motte	2,482	3,234	3,710	752	30.3%	476	14.7%
Remington	1,247	1,323	1,269	76	6.1%	-54	-4.1%
Wheatfield	621	772	825	151	24.3%	53	6.9%

JASPER COUNTY POPULATION 1940 TO 2004

		CHG FROM	%
YEAR	POPULATION	PRIOR YR	CHANGE
1940	14,397	NA	NA
1950	17,031	2,634	18.3%
1960	18,842	1,811	10.6%
1970	20,429	1,587	8.4%
1980	26,138	5,709	27.9%
1990	24,960	-1,178	-4.5%
2000	30,043	3,905	15.6%
2004	31,624	1,581	5.3%
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POPULATION OF JASPER COUNTY TO 2004



JASPER COUNTY EDUCATION DATA

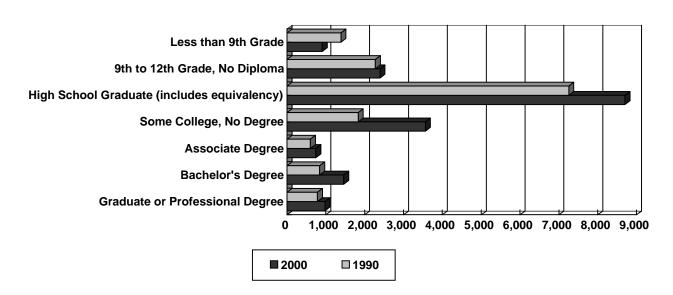
2004 H.S. GRADUATE HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATIONAL INTENT	NUMBER	%
Graduated High School in 2004	330	100%
Total to Higher Education	243	73.6%
Four-Year Institution	175	53.0%
Two-Year Institution	40	12.1%
Vocational/Technical Institution	28	8.5%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

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EDUCATION	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
Less than 9th Grade	1,390	9.3%	909	4.8%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,278	15.2%	2,394	12.8%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	7,256	48.4%	8,704	46.4%
Some College, No Degree	1,834	12.2%	3,565	19.0%
Associate Degree	601	4.0%	742	4.0%
Bachelor's Degree	841	5.6%	1,459	7.8%
Graduate or Professional Degree	784	5.2%	978	5.2%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	14.984	100%	18.751	100%

JASPER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2000 Versus 1990



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center - Stats Indiana, and U.S. Census Bureau

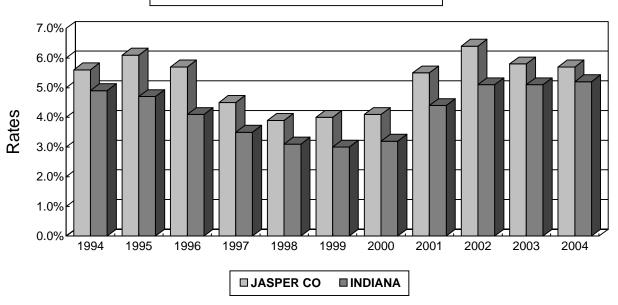
JASPER COUNTY LABOR FORCE

(1994-2004)

		LABOR			JASPER CO	INDIANA
	YEAR	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE	RATE
_	1994	14,000	13,210	790	5.6%	4.9%
	1995	14,650	13,750	900	6.1%	4.7%
	1996	14,450	13,620	830	5.7%	4.1%
-	1997	14,500	13,850	650	4.5%	3.5%
-	1998	14,300	13,740	560	3.9%	3.1%
-	1999	14,510	13,920	590	4.0%	3.0%
-	2000	14,410	13,830	580	4.1%	3.2%
-	2001	14,500	13,700	800	5.5%	4.4%
-	2002	14,450	13,530	920	6.4%	5.1%
·	2003	14,830	13,980	850	5.8%	5.1%
-	2004	14,840	14,000	840	5.7%	5.2%

Data for some years have been revised from earlier published numbers for those years.

JASPER COUNTY & STATE OF INDIANA Average Unemployment Rates 1994-2004

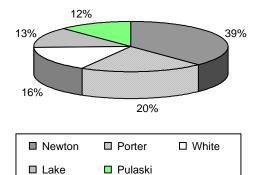


Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

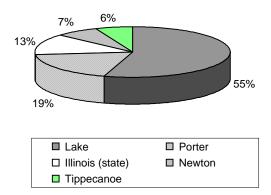
JASPER COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS: YEAR 2003

Number of persons who live in the county and work (labor force)						
Number of persons who live and work in the county						
Number of persons who live out of and work in the county						
Total number of persons who work in the county (work force)						
Top five counties sending v	workers INTO Jas	per County:				
Newton County	715					
Porter County	386					
White County	303					
Lake County	253					
Pulaski County	229		_			
Total of above	1,886 equals 11.0% of work force					
Top five counties receiving	workers FROM J	asper County:				
Lake County	2,851					
Porter County	966					
Illinois (state)	702					
Newton County	375					
Tippecanoe County	318		_			
Total of above	5,212	equals 25.6% of labor force	_			

WORKERS INTO JASPER COUNTY From Top 5 Counties / States

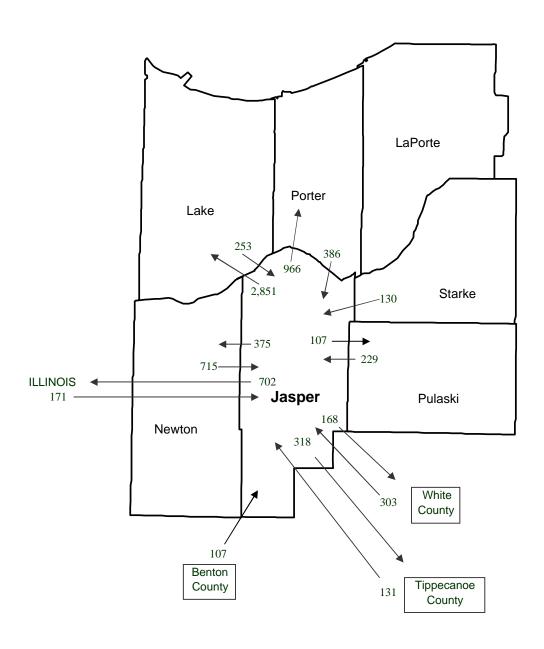


WORKERS OUT OF JASPER COUNTY To Top 5 Counties / States



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue income tax information for year 2003 Report generated by STATS Indiana - www.stats.indiana.edu

Jasper County 2003



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue Based on income tax returns for Tax Year 2003 Counts of under 100 are not included. Noncontiguous state counts not included.

JASPER COUNTY AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

	2004 NO. OF	A۱	/ERAGE E	MPLOYME	NT	NUMERICAL CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	FIRMS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2001-2004	2001-2004
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **	799	10,732	10,523	10,625	11,629	897	8.4%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	34	455	483	508	599	144	31.6%
Mining	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
CONSTRUCTION	133	876	888	919	995	119	13.6%
MANUFACTURING	37	1,470	1,411	1,398	1,406	-64	-4.4%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Wholesale Trade	43	240	216	210	219	-21	-8.8%
Retail Trade	120	1,575	1,579	1,423	1,429	-146	-9.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	72	807	436	482	1,014	207	25.7%
Utilities	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
INFORMATION	8	123	109	109	128	5	4.1%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	56	368	357	337	338	-30	-8.2%
Finance & Insurance	33	284	286	269	275	-9	-3.2%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	23	84	71	68	63	-21	-25.0%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Professional & Technical Services	46	594	728	830	838	244	41.1%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Administrative & Waste Services	26	174	197	167	202	28	16.1%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	64	1,899	2,011	2,102	2,220	321	16.9%
Educational Services **	18	1,057	1,070	1,085	1,135	78	7.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	46	842	941	1,017	1,085	243	28.9%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	65	897	894	936	1,044	147	16.4%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9	55	40	52	55	0	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	56	842	854	884	989	147	17.5%
OTHER SERVICES	55	214	205	214	207	-7	-3.3%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	49	1,779	1,822	1,866	1,908	129	7.3%

Change in Jasper County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



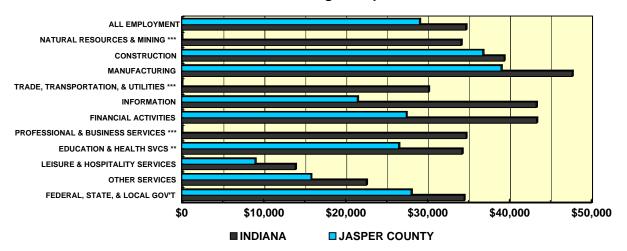
^{*} NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry. *** Data suppressed due to confidentiality restrictions.

Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers.
2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Labor Market Information Unit

JASPER COUNTY AVERAGE EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

						2004
		JASPER CO	YTNUC		INDIANA	JASPER
	2001	2004	CHANGE 2	001 to 2004	2004	% DIFFERENCE
INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	WAGES	WAGES	DOLLARS	PERCENT	WAGES	FROM INDIANA
ALL INDUSTRIES **	\$27,498	\$29,017	\$1,519	5.5%	\$34,692	-19.6%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$34,100	N/A
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$30,334	\$31,528	\$1,194	3.9%	\$25,459	19.2%
Mining	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$49,836	N/A
CONSTRUCTION	\$32,629	\$36,756	\$4,127	12.6%	\$39,344	-7.0%
MANUFACTURING	\$34,008	\$38,989	\$4,981	14.6%	\$47,638	-22.2%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$30,129	N/A
Wholesale Trade	\$35,378	\$37,630	\$2,252	6.4%	\$46,109	-22.5%
Retail Trade	\$17,541	\$18,676	\$1,135	6.5%	\$21,447	-14.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$34,186	\$31,253	-\$2,933	-8.6%	\$35,142	-12.4%
Utilities	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$62,844	N/A
INFORMATION	\$20,625	\$21,441	\$816	4.0%	\$43,280	-101.9%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$24,540	\$27,398	\$2,858	11.6%	\$43,310	-58.1%
Finance & Insurance	\$24,671	\$26,966	\$2,295	9.3%	\$48,406	-79.5%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$24,291	\$29,660	\$5,369	22.1%	\$28,857	2.7%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$34,704	N/A
Professional & Technical Services	\$40,908	\$39,991	-\$917	-2.2%	\$45,323	-13.3%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$66,805	N/A
Administrative & Waste Services	\$23,297	\$19,661	-\$3,636	-15.6%	\$22,731	-15.6%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$24,578	\$26,490	\$1,912	7.8%	\$34,204	-29.1%
Educational Services **	\$25,957	\$27,455	\$1,498	5.8%	\$33,107	-20.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$22,861	\$25,481	\$2,620	11.5%	\$34,962	-37.2%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$8,470	\$8,941	\$471	5.6%	\$13,873	-55.2%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$9,528	\$10,730	\$1,202	12.6%	\$25,803	-140.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$8,395	\$8,839	\$444	5.3%	\$11,572	-30.9%
OTHER SERVICES	\$16,304	\$15,763	-\$541	-3.3%	\$22,548	-43.0%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$25,479	\$27,997	\$2,518	9.9%	\$34,478	-23.1%

Jasper County and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings comparison



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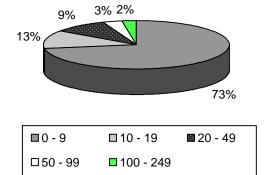
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JASPER COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

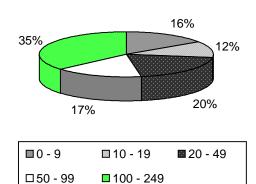
	NUMBER of	EMPLOYMENT by
EMPLOYMENT	BUSINESS UNITS	SIZE OF BUSINESS UNIT
SIZE CLASS	1ST QUARTER 2004	MARCH 2004
		4 770
0 - 9	576	1,773
10 - 19	99	1,323
20 - 49	75	2,256
50 - 99	27	1,877
100 - 249	19	4,138
TOTAL	796	11,367

Includes Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees.

BUSINESS UNITS by SIZE 1st Quarter 2004



EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS UNIT SIZE March 2004



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Unemployment Insurance Division



DESCRIPTION OF THE

NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on how products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on what is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the Manufacturing industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for Manufacturing may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the Professional and Business Services industry under NAICS, rather than in Manufacturing. The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining. Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing. Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

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